

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN OHIO
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

January 26, 2021

The Southern Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board met via a blended meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Southern Ohio ESC in Clinton County for its organizational meeting with eight in-person and eight via virtual.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Mrs. Charters, Mrs. Gausman, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lane (on-site), Mr. Mount (on-site), Mr. Peck (on-site), Mrs. Saylor, Mr. West, and Mr. Wilt (on-site), along with Rachel Meyer, Treasurer (on-site), and Beth Justice (on-site), Superintendent. Guests present were Curt Bradshaw, Stephanie Huber (on-site), Ralph Lusher, Paul Osborne, and Jeff Royalty.

REVISION AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA **(Resolution #4323)**

It was moved by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mrs. Gausman to approve the agenda as revised.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President Pro Tempore of the board, Mr. Lane, declared the motion carried.

MINUTE APPROVAL **(Resolution #4324)**

It was moved by Mr. Peck and seconded by Mr. Mount that the November 23, 2020, meeting minutes be approved as presented. *No December board meeting minutes presented due to a canceled meeting.*

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President Pro Tempore of the board, Mr. Lane, declared the motion carried.

The meeting was opened for public participation. None received.

Mr. Wilt arrived at 6:45 p.m.

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SOUTHERN OHIO ESC SHARED EXPERTISE

Mr. Lusher indicated that after a census, the ESC needs to look at our districts to see if there is a need for redistricting. The ESC Redistricting Toolkit will be updated with the correct deadline dates once the census information is received. ESC's have 90 days to re-district if needed. Re-election of board members will need to occur even if a board member was appointed to an elected position. ESCs can still choose to fill a vacancy on board by the appointment of a board member in January as long as no one runs during the election process.

Lastly, Mr. Lusher indicated he will be available should the board have questions about this process moving forward.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT (Resolution #4325)

Mr. Mount was nominated by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. West for President of the Governing Board for 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Hill that nominations be closed and that Mr. Mount is elected President.

Eight board members approved the motion with one abstention from Mr. Mount. President Pro Tempore of the board, Mr. Lane, declared the motion carried and turned the meeting over to Mr. Mount.

Mr. Lane thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as President during 2020 and praised the Southern Ohio ESC/R14 staff for working through the challenging 2020 year.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT (Resolution #4326)

Mr. Hill was nominated by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Wilt for Vice President of the Governing Board for 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Peck that nominations be closed and that Mr. Hill is elected Vice President.

Eight board members approved the motion with one abstention from Mr. Hill. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

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APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Board President, Mr. Mount, appointed Mrs. Saylor, Mr. West, and Mr. Wilt to serve on the finance committee through December 31, 2021. Mr. Mount will serve as ex officio.

APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Board President, Mr. Mount, appointed Mr. Peck to serve as the board's legislative liaison through December 31, 2021.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SERVICE FUND (Resolution #4327)

In accordance with O.R.C. 3315.15, it was moved by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Hill that the board establishes a service fund in the amount of \$7,500.00 for 2021.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION OF THE TREASURER TO INVEST FUNDS (Resolution #4328)

It was moved by Mr. Peck and seconded by Mr. Wilt that the Treasurer shall be permitted to invest all board active and interim funds for 2021 in the best interest of the board at the Treasurer's discretion. All such investments shall be presented for board review at the next regular board meeting.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

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AUTHORIZATION OF THE TREASURER TO PAY BILLS (Resolution #4329)

It was moved by Mrs. Gausman and seconded by Mrs. Saylor that the Treasurer be authorized to pay bills for 2021 as goods are received or services are performed and properly invoiced. A listing of paid bills shall be submitted to the board to review at each regular monthly meeting.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD DESIGNEE (Resolution #4330)

It was moved by Mrs. Saylor and seconded by Mr. West that the acting Treasurer is appointed as the board designee to attend public records training each election term as per Board Policy KBA.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO TEMPORARILY EMPLOY (Resolution #4331)

It was moved by Mr. Wilt and seconded by Mr. Hill that the Superintendent be authorized to temporarily employ personnel during times when the board is not in session in 2021. Such employment will be presented for approval at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.

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AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS (Resolution #4332)

It was moved by Mrs. Gausman and seconded by Mr. Peck that the Superintendent be authorized on behalf of the board to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when the board is not in session in 2021, subject to ratification by the board; provided, however, that upon ratification by the board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (Resolution #4333)

It was moved by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mrs. Saylor to authorize the Superintendent to approve attendance at in-state professional meetings for all staff members in 2021, subject to board policy DLC and DLC-R.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACT AS PURCHASING AGENT (Resolution #4334)

It was moved by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Peck that the Superintendent be authorized for 2021 to act as purchasing agent in the district with authority to contract for services, supplies, materials, and equipment within approved appropriations.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

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AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO APPLY FOR AND EXPEND FEDERAL MONIES (Resolution #4335)

It was moved by Mrs. Gausman and seconded by Mr. Hill that the Superintendent be authorized for 2021 to receive and expend federal money within the approved appropriations.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, AND WORKSHOPS (Resolution #4336)

It was moved by Mr. Peck and seconded by Mr. Wilt that the following 2021 training programs be approved for compensation per board policy BHBA along with all other pertinent events held by OSBA, OESCA, and OASBO:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Date</u>
SWOSBA/Spring Conference	March 9, 2021
OSBA/ESC Workshop	April 26-29, 2021
OSBA/Fall Conference	October 14, 2021
OSBA/Capital Conference	TBA

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

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CALENDAR YEAR 2021 SOUTHERN OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING DATES (Resolution #4337)

It was moved by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. West that regular governing board meetings be held the 4th Tuesday of the month, at the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center in Clinton County, unless otherwise listed or announced in conformity to law.

February	23	6:30 p.m.	August	24	7:00 p.m.
March	*16	5:00 p.m.	September	28	7:00 p.m.
April	27	7:00 p.m.	October	26	7:00 p.m.
May	25	7:00 p.m.	November	22	6:30 p.m.
June	22	7:00 p.m.	December	14	6:00 p.m.
July	27	7:00 p.m.			

**March 23, 2021, if Four County Board meeting is canceled due to COVID.*

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

GREAT OAKS ITCD REPORT

Mr. Lane reported that the Great Oaks board met via a blended meeting on January 13, 2021, with 25 in person and 10 via telephone. He indicated that Laurel Oaks Campus resumed in-person instruction on January 11, while the other campuses resumed in-person instruction on January 18. This is subject to change based on guidance around COVID. Next, Mr. Lane indicated that the construction project is 95% complete and lastly he reported that he is serving on the Education, Program Design, and Evaluation Committee in 2021.

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LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Peck reported the following:

Education bills passed in lame-duck await DeWine's signature

During the lame-duck session, the General Assembly sent a large quantity of bills to Gov. **Mike DeWine**, and among those bills are multiple education-related bills. One of those bills is House Bill (HB) 409, which modifies student attendance requirements at certain e-schools; provides flexibility to school districts regarding educational requirements of substitute teachers for the 2020-21 school year; and changes education law for the 2020-21 school year to provide school districts continued flexibility and relief during the COVID-19 pandemic. The education law changes include:

- exempts districts from retaining a student under the third-grade reading guarantee for the 2020-21 school year;
- extends the ability of the superintendent of public instruction to adjust or waive the deadlines on a variety of actions regulated by the State Board of Education, including the filling of a vacancy on a board of education; and
- prohibits state report cards for the 2020-21 school year and provides a safe harbor from sanctions or penalties from state report card ratings.

Lastly, Mr. Peck mentioned a few bills that are awaiting action from DeWine.

- HB 210, which requires preschool programs and other entities licensed by ODE to screen and test prospective employees for tuberculosis as well as annually test certain employees for a five-year period.
- Senate Bill (SB) 68, which requires a state model curriculum for high school students on proper interactions with peace officers during traffic stops and other encounters and requires districts to incorporate this curriculum into at least one course required for high school graduation.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mrs. Meyer reviewed the monthly and semi-annual reports with the board.

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APPROVAL OF PAID BILLS (Resolution #4338)

It was moved by Mrs. Gausman and seconded by Mr. Peck that the paid bills for the previous month be approved as presented, for a total of \$817,247.31.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

APPROPRIATION MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS (Resolution #4339)

Upon the recommendation of Treasurer Meyer, it was moved by Mrs. Saylor and seconded by Mr. Lane to approve the following appropriation modifications and amendments as presented.

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The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVESTMENTS (Resolution #4340)

Upon the recommendation of Treasurer Meyer, it was moved by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. West to approve the following investments as transacted:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Firm</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/18/2020	Waddell	BMW Bank CD	12/11/2023	0.30%	\$ 149,692.50
12/18/2020	General	BMW Bank CD	12/11/2023	0.30%	\$ 244,497.75

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

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DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS (Resolution #4341)

It was moved by Mr. Peck and seconded by Mrs. Gausman to approve the following resolution to designate the following depository for the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center in compliance with Chapter 135 of the O.R.C.

Whereas Chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that the governing board designate public depositories every five years, and

Whereas an application to serve as a depository for governing board active funds was received from: **Peoples Bank**, and

Whereas an application to serve as a depository for governing board interim funds was received from: **Peoples Bank**, and

Whereas this institution meets eligibility requirements for depositories as listed in the O.R.C. and have signed our investment policy;

Therefore, be it resolved that depository agreements be approved with this financial institution for a five-year period commencing December 31, 2020, and expiring December 31, 2025.

Be it further resolved that interim funds as stipulated by Section 135.141 O.R.C. be invested by the Treasurer of the Governing Board as is authorized by law.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

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TREASURER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Financial Disclosure Forms Due May 17, 2021:

If you would like a paper form, please let me know. Otherwise, you can fill out and submit your form online. If you recall, I emailed the link to the online form on January 12, 2021.

Fiscal Office Update:

W2 and 1099 processing was completed on January 6, 2021. A huge "THANK YOU" to Amanda and Rhonda for a job well done! I will bring Board member W2's to the board meeting.

We completed the steps necessary to deposit the board contributions into the accounts of those staff enrolled in the high deductible health plan/health savings accounts. Deposits for fifty-one (51) staff totaling \$40,000 were made on the January 15, 2021 payday. If you recall, we are paying ½ now and the remainder in July 2021.

On December 16, 2020, the ESC hosted, in conjunction with Cameron Vaughn, SERS Member Education Coordinator, a virtual SERS (School Employees Retirement System) presentation. The one-hour presentation provided our employees who are SERS members with information about the benefits the retirement plan offers. The meeting was designed for those early in their career, mid-career, or late-career. During the meeting, the following was discussed: service retirement eligibility criteria, benefit payment options, survivor benefits, disability benefits, and purchasable service credit. There was 14 staff in attendance.

I have also been providing districts with excess cost information on students who received services from Hopewell and/or SOESC during the 2019-2020 school year. Excess costs are those costs for the education of an elementary school or secondary school student with a disability that is more than the average annual per-student expenditure of a local education agency (LEA). Since the end of November, I have assisted nine of our districts with this process.

Professional Development:

On December 3, 2020, the entire fiscal team attended the virtual Calendar Year-End meeting hosted by MVECA.

On December 8, 2020, I attended the BWC Employer Update Webinar. This webinar provided information on 2020 employer dividends, face mask distribution, work from home considerations, and important dates.

On December 9, 2020, I attended the STRS Ohio Coffee Break webinar. This webinar provided information on due dates, new processes in Employer Self Service, upcoming training opportunities, and tips for finding important information on the STRS Ohio Employer website.

On December 14, 2020, I attended the OTESCA (Ohio Treasurers of ESC Association) business meeting where Marion Stout, HR Director at Montgomery County ESC provided an update on emergency paid sick leave and expanded emergency FMLA associated with the FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act).

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TREASURER DISCUSSION ITEMS (Cont.)

On December 18, 2020, the entire fiscal team attend our virtual Staff Meeting.

On January 13, 2021, I attended a SERS Employer Education Webinar. This webinar provided information on what we need to know about the disability application, the approval process, and how to complete disability certifications.

On January 28, 2021, I will attend the BWC Employer Update Webinar. This webinar will provide a review of 2020, estimated annual premium, and important dates.

PERSONNEL CONTRACT AGREEMENTS: ESC (Resolution #4342)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Justice, it was moved by Mrs. Saylor and seconded by Mr. Wilt that the board approves employment contracts for the following personnel subject to the provision of O.R.C. 3319.02, O.R.C. 3319.08, and/or O.R.C. 3319.081. All personnel are subject to assignment by the superintendent and all contracts are subject to continuation of existing local, state, and/or federal funding; proper licensure; Ohio Department of Education highly qualified teacher per current job assignment; Ohio Bureau of Criminal Background Investigation Check; and Federal Bureau of Investigation Background Check:

ESC CONTRACT AGREEMENTS

Name	Tentative Position	Contract Dates	Length	Days	Degree	Schedule/ Step/Rate	Contract Type
Cover, Kristan	Family and Community Engagement Liaison	2020-2021	1 Year	As Needed	Bachelor	No Schedule/ No Step/ \$38.80 per/hr	Certificated
Hughes, Ronda	Reluctant Readers	2020-2021	1 Year	5 Days	No Degree on Schedule	No Schedule/ No Step/ \$45.10 per/hr	Certificated Supplemental
Hilton, Erica	Substitute Teacher	2020-2021	1 Year	As needed	No degree on Schedule	No Schedule/ No Step/ \$100 per diem	Certificated
Jones, Tim	Student Resiliency Coordinator	2020-2021	1 Year	103 Days	Masters	Related M/ Step 8/ \$39,488.00	Certificated
Mickey, Deborah	Reluctant Readers	2020-2021	1 Year	5 Days	No Degree on Schedule	No Schedule/ No Step/ \$50.92 per/hr	Certificated Supplemental

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PERSONNEL CONTRACT AGREEMENTS: ESC (Cont.)

East Clinton Substitutes

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| 1. Campbell, Savannah | 4. Gilmore, Phillip | 7. Morrow, Morgan |
| 2. Chaney, Jeanne | 5. Greenawalt, Kaylee | 8. Shivers, Paul |
| 3. Collins, Shawna | 6. Hilton, Erica | 9. Whitenack, Samantha |
| | | 10. Young, Shawn |

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF POLICY MANUAL UPDATES (Resolution #4343)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Justice, it was moved by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. West to approve the following policy manual updates:

Policy Manual Updates:

BDC	Executive Sessions
DH	Bonded Employees and Officers
DJB	Petty Cash Accounts
DM	Deposit of Public Funds
EDE	Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)
GCBD-R	Certified Staff Leaves and Absences

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WADDELL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR 2021 (Resolution #4344)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Justice and the Waddell Scholarship Committee, it was moved by Mr. Peck and seconded by Mr. Lane to establish the total number of new Gaylord and Barbara Waddell Scholarships to be awarded in 2021 at eleven. Each scholarship shall be for \$1,000.00 for one year with East Clinton graduates receiving Five, Clinton-Massie graduates receiving three, and Blanchester graduates receiving three.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

2021 FOUR COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS MEETING (Resolution #4345)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Justice, it was moved by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mrs. Gausman to invite board members, superintendents, treasurers, and other administrators to a dinner meeting of the boards of education of the twelve school districts of Adams, Clinton, Fayette, and Highland Counties on March 16, 2021, to be held at Laurel Oaks Campus, in Wilmington.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SERVICE CONTRACT (Resolution #4346)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Justice, it was moved by Mrs. Gausman and seconded by Mrs. Charters to approve the following service contract as listed:

SERVICE CONTRACT

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Purchase Order</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ohio School Board Association	2210498	Annual Membership Dues & Management News Subscription	01/01/2021-12/31/2021	\$3,055.00

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

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PERSONNEL CONTRACT AGREEMENT: R14 (Resolution #4347)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Justice, it was moved by Mrs. Gausman and seconded by Mr. Lane that the board approves employment contracts for the following personnel subject to the provision of O.R.C. 3319.02, O.R.C. 3319.08, and/or O.R.C. 3319.081. All personnel are subject to assignment by the superintendent and all contracts are subject to continuation of existing local, state, and/or federal funding; proper licensure; Ohio Department of Education highly qualified teacher per current job assignment; Ohio Bureau of Criminal Background Investigation Check; and Federal Bureau of Investigation Background Check:

R14 CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Name	Tentative Position	Contract Dates	Length	Days	Degree	Schedule/ Step/Rate	Contract Type	Comments
Kelch, Linda	Substitute Administrative Assistant	2020-2021	1 Year	As Needed	No Degree on Schedule	Schedule N/ Step 3/ \$20.89 per hr	Classified Substitute	1 day a week/ 7 Hours/ Retire-Rehire

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

PERSONNEL CONTRACT AMENDMENT: R14 (Resolution #4348)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Justice, it was moved by Mr. Peck and seconded by Mrs. Saylor to approve an amendment to the following employment contract for the following personnel:

R14 CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Name	Position	Contract Dates	Change 1	Change 2	Comments
Hiler, Mary	Administrative Assistant	Continuing	Schedule N, Step 9 +5% (\$28.34) to Schedule N, Step 9 (\$26.99)		Due to an agreed-to change in job assignment-effective 02/01/2021

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Mount, declared the motion carried.

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SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Justice shared the following with the board:

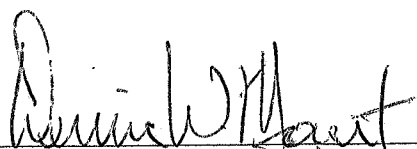
1. School Board Member Appreciation Month – Mrs. Justice thanked the board for serving.
2. Four County Board Meeting – Mrs. Justice will be communicating with the Clinton County Health Department to determine if the meeting will need to be canceled due to COVID protocols.
3. Bullying Report – No Reports of bullying occurred between July 1 and December 31, 2020.
4. Blanchester Local Superintendent Search – Mrs. Justice conducting the search and meeting with Blanchester board members to go through applicants.
5. Keeping Staff Safe – Mrs. Justice shared that staff is continuing to work remotely as much as possible.
6. COVID Vaccination – Board members will have the opportunity to receive the vaccination. Please let Mrs. Justice know if you are interested.
7. Homeschooling – Mrs. Justice reported that 495 students were approved in the 2019-20 SY and for 2020-21 SOESC has already approved 645 students for homeschooling.
8. New Storage Building at R14 – Mrs. Justice shared that a building will soon be built at Hopewell.

Mr. West thanked Mr. Lane for being a wonderful President in 2020 and Rich for continuing as the liaison. Mr. West also thanked Mr. Mount for accepting the President position for 2021.

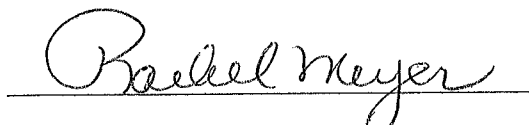
Mr. Wilt reported that he is recovering from his recent surgery and has had no pain and has been released from all restrictions.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Saylor and seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn to meet again in regular session on February 23, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center, 3321 Airborne Road, Wilmington.



BOARD PRESIDENT



TREASURER

SOUTHERN OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
FY 2021 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS

Notes:

General Fund - Tuition Reimbursement for all staff collectively \$13,000.00
General Fund - Board Service Fund set at \$7,500.00 on a calendar year basis

Termination Benefits Fund - Unemployment, Severance, and Vacation Payouts

Contingencies:

General Fund - Emergency Fund - 4 months of expenses \$1,520,000.00
General Fund - Building Fund \$225,000.00 - continue to add \$25,000 per year, budget permitting, per 6/25/19 board direction
Hopewell General Fund - Emergency Fund - 3 months of expenses \$90,000.00
Hopewell General Fund - Building Fund \$30,000.00 - (security system, updates, repair, etc...)
Hopewell General Fund - Termination / Retirement Benefits setaside \$46,370.00

Transfers: (To be made - more information to follow)

Termination Benefits Fund - \$35,000